

Welcome Back to School!

On behalf of the 2009-2010 PTA executive board, I welcome you to a new year at Alimacani Elementary School. Please join us in making this the best year ever!

The PTA is "WILD" About Children and we've worked hard over the summer on many exciting projects. One new program is a school Fall Carnival scheduled in October. There will be pony rides, face painting and carnival games...lots of fun for the entire family!

There are many opportunities to be a part of your child's successful elementary school experience. First, you can become a member of the PTA. We're striving for 100% participation, which means every Alimacani family has a representative PTA member. The cost is \$5.

You can also participate in our annual fall fundraiser (which accounts for most of our operating budget), volunteer at an event, or just clip and send in box tops and labels to help us get money and

A Note From Our New Assistant Principal

My name is Alandrea Turner, and I have worked in Duval County the past 13 years as a teacher and administrator. I am very grateful to be at Alimacani Elementary. This is a great school, full of awesome children, phenomenal teachers, and caring parents. I look forward to a wonderful and successful school year!

Welcome Ms. Turner!

supplies for our school. There's something for everyone!

For more information, please stop by the PTA tables at Open House, and/or attend the Volunteer Orientation Sept. 25, at 9 AM to see how you can plug in.

You can contact the PTA by phone 221-7101 ext. 204, online www.alimacanipta.org, or by leaving a message at the front office. You can also find information about upcoming events posted on the PTA bulletin board located outside of the office.

Thank you to all of the caring parents Alimacani is fortunate to have. I look forward to working together to make this a great year!

Jennifer Cafiero ~ PTA President

P.S. The PTA will be selling World's Finest Chocolate at Open House for \$1 per bar. Be sure to grab a couple for your family!



Principal Kathy Stalls and Assistant Principal Alandrea Turner.

Alimacani PTA is

WILD About Children!



Upcoming Events

- 9/7 No School (Labor Day)
- 9/8 Fall Fundraiser through 9/22
- 9/9 Early Release (1:30 PM)
- 9/10 General PTA Meeting (6:30 PM)
- 9/10 Open House Pre-K, 1, 3 & 5 (7 PM)
- 9/11 Flag Raising (8:30 AM)
- 9/11 SAC Meeting (12 Noon)
- 9/14 PTA Board Meeting (3 PM)*
- 9/15 School Pictures
- 9/16 School Pictures
- 9/17 General PTA Meeting (6:30 PM)
- 9/17 Open House K, 2 & 4 (7 PM)
- 9/23 Early Release (1:30 PM)
- 9/25 Volunteer Orientation (9 AM)
- 9/25 Room Parent Meeting (9:30 AM)
- 9/29 Chic-fil-A Spirit Night (5:30 to 8 PM)
- 10/7 Early Release (1:30 PM)
- 10/9 Flag Raising (8:30 AM)

**All age childcare will be provided.*



PTA Membership: Join the Fun!

If you're new to Alimacani or you've never been a part of the PTA, consider becoming a member! Your PTA dues help fund many projects throughout the year, including:

- Year-end awards and trophies
- FCAT pizza parties
- Playground equipment
- Movies "Under the Stars"
- Fifth grade graduation ceremony
- Play Day snacks, water and ribbons
- Service projects
- And much more!

PTA membership dues are \$5 per adult, and donations are always welcome. **If you join between Aug. 21 and Oct. 31, you'll be entered in a drawing to win a \$25 gift card from Target.**

What's more, teachers reaching 100% PTA membership participation before Oct. 1 get a \$25 gift card from Office Max to help with supplies for their classrooms. So it pays in many ways to become a member!

Remember to ask grandparents, relatives, friends, and even the company you work for to join and help our children at Alimacani! Membership envelopes are available in the front office.

With your continued support we will accomplish great things this year!

If you have any questions about PTA membership, please contact membership chair Terry Harman at 994-5161 or terry@harmanfamily.net. Thanks again for your support!

Going Bananas For Giving!



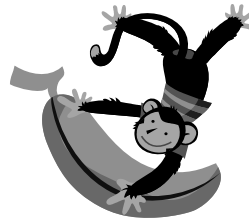
Help our teachers stock their classrooms by picking a banana off the "Giving Tree"!

Located outside of the front office, the tree will be filled year-round with items requested from our teachers. Just pluck a banana with an item you'd like to purchase and place your donation in the provided PTA basket in the office. We'll be sure it gets to the requesting teacher!

Requests range in price from \$1 to \$50. The PTA and the teachers really appreciate your help!

A sample of the items currently on the Giving Tree:

- White board erasers
- Red duct tape
- Printer ink cartridges
- Balls for PE



Volunteers of the Month

Alimacani has wonderful volunteers who collectively contribute hundreds of hours to our school every month. In fact, we're recognized for our active parent and community participation.

If you're a volunteer, it's important to log your time in the book located in the front office, not only because we apply for awards for the most volunteer hours,

but we love to recognize your efforts! Be sure to attend the Volunteer Orientation Sept. 25 at 9 AM to learn more about how you can help.

And if you can't get to the school, don't worry! Ask your child's teacher for things do at home like sorting, cutting, stapling or other tasks. Every bit makes a huge difference.

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Staff Birthdays

July

08 Jenny Greer
09 Christine Brown
13 Kerry McAlister
15 Keitha Rothwell
15 Pam Locklear (cafeteria)
15 Libby Bassett
27 Daneri Miller (assistant)
29 Christi Tuten



August

02 Patty Hibble (tutor)
02 Nancy Nelson (tutor)
06 Terry Mosley
07 LeeAnn Mallari
07 Christine Sterling
08 Joshua Fletchall (PE)
11 Mary Ann Rouse
13 Jenna McAvoyn
17 Ken Kearney
21 James Menchan (PE)
26 Barbara Thompson
27 Shawna Shubow

September

04 Mattie Squire
05 Michele Corley
09 Melissa Remley
17 Vicki Ingram
28 Carla Yancy (assistant)

October

06 David DeWaele
07 Ginger Schneider
15 Pam Holland
16 Pam Fuller
18 Christine Bell
21 Helen DeJournett
22 Legenia Nickles



Carnival Needs

Lend

- > Large coolers with ice (20)
- > Canopy tents (6)
- > Child-size fishing poles (3)
- > Large plastic swimming pool

Donate

- > Large trash bags (60+)
- > Plywood (1 piece cut to 5 X 8)
- > Bales of hay (10)
- > Toilet paper (several rolls)
- > Paper towels (several rolls)
- > Hand soap (6)
- > Large pump hand sanitizer (3)

Help

- > Set up/break down
- > Volunteers to run games and activity tables (*perfect for high school students and organizations looking for community service hours!*)

Crazy Good Fun at the Alimacani Fall Carnival

Saturday, Oct. 17, from 11 AM to 5 PM we're turning outdoor Alimacani into a huge, fun-filled carnival complete with bouncy houses and slides, tons of games and even our very own Ferris wheel!

Your entire family will enjoy all the carnival treats like cotton candy, popcorn, shaved ice and goodies from Chic-Fil-A, Orange Tree Hot Dogs, Krispy Kreme Donuts, and more.

There will be clowns creating balloon art, tattoo and crazy hair stations, pony rides and a chance for you to toss a wet sponge at your favorite Alimacani staff members!

We'll have auctions, photo opportunities and a pumpkin patch to help you get ready for the fall season. For 50 cents to \$3 for rides, activities and food, the carnival will be an affordable family day for kids of all ages. Don't miss the fun!

We would love your help. Browse the list on the left and contact Chrissy Kuczkowski at 221-7101 ext. 204 or mdk64@comcast.net if you're interested.

Teachers, look for information coming soon about creating themed classroom scarecrows for the auction!

Chic-fil-A : Helping Alimacani PTA Raise Funds

One of our dedicated sponsors, Chic-fil-A at Queen's Harbor, is jumping in again this year to help our PTA raise funds for our school.

Dine for a Good Cause

Chic-fil-A is hosting an Alimacani Spirit Night Tuesday, Sept. 29, from 5:30 to 8 PM. If you say "Alimacani" when you order, they will donate 15% of your purchase to the PTA. (Only at the Queen's Harbor location.)



Purchase a Calendar at Open House

The PTA will be selling Chic-fil-A's widely popular cow calendars at Open House. For just \$5, you'll get 12-months of money-saving coupons, and something cute to hang in your kitchen! You can also purchase a calendar at Chic-fil-A for \$6.

Summer Clipping is a Big Win for Alimacani!

We challenged Alimacani families to clip the most Tyson Chicken panels, General Mills box tops, and Campbell's UPC codes over the summer, and boy did you deliver!

We're proud to announce our winners (combined total of labels and box tops):

First Place with 525 clipped
Shea McLean, Mr. McAllister, 3rd

Second Place with 411 clipped
Alexis Lunford, Proctor/DeJournett, 4th

Third Place with 400 clipped
Robert Welsh, Ms. Reed, 4th

Congratulations families and thanks to everyone for your participation!

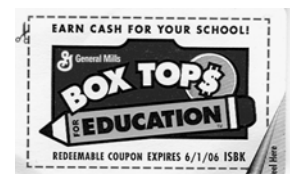
Let's keep clipping! Here's how it works:

Campbell's Labels for Education: Clip UPC codes with "Labels for Education" on products like soups and crackers, spaghetti sauce, and juice. We get free art, athletics, and academic supplies.

General Mills Box Tops for Education: Clip box tops on cereals, snacks, even Kleenex and Zip Lock bags. Cut along the dotted line to qualify. We get 10 cents per box top, which helps purchase supplies and books for our school.

Tyson Project A+: Clip chicken box or bag panels with the Project A+ symbol and we get \$24 for every 100 labels. You have to cut and save the entire panel to qualify.

You can send in your labels and box tops with your child or drop them off in the box marked "PTA" in the front office.





Thanks to Our Sponsors

Alimacani is so very fortunate to have support from many business in our area. They provide donations, discounts and other goodies that help make our programs and initiatives successful. You can help us say "thanks" by becoming a patron of our sponsors!

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Alimacani Classifieds

Look here for immediate school needs, ways you can help, business partner ads, and special thank-yous!

HELP WANTED

Beautification Committee

Do you enjoy making things look nice? Lead the PTA beautification committee!

Requirements: just a small amount of time and the desire to help our school look great.

Responsibilities: spruce up the planters outside the front office and other places that need attention. For more information, contact Jen Cafiero at 221-7101 ext. 204 or sogretch@comcast.net.

BUSINESS MEMBERS

We Need YOU!

Alimacani appreciates our business members! If you own a business consider joining the PTA or only \$5! Contact Terry Harman at 994-5161 or terry@harmanfamily.net.

A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped stuff over 1,000 back-to-school envelopes, and to those who assisted children and parents with the morning and lunch hustle of the first days of school.
You're the best!

CONTACT US

If you would like to submit an article for the newsletter or an "ad" for our classifieds, please contact Jeanelle Odum at 992-4652 or jeanelleodum@bellsouth.net.

HELP WANTED

Community Service Orgs

Are you part of a business or civic organization looking for a fun community service project? Help us run the Alimacani Fall Carnival! **Requirements:** smiling faces.

Responsibilities: monitor the games and activity tables. Short shifts are available. Also great for high-schoolers who need to log community service hours.

Contact Jen Cafiero at 221-7101 ext. 204 or sogretch@comcast.net.

ADVERTISE HERE

Promote Your Business

Get noticed with an ad in the PTA Helping Hands newsletter. This year we're distributing at least six issues. The cost is \$25 per issue for an ad this size (3.75 X 2.25). Proceeds will help defray the cost of printing.

Contact Jeanelle Odum at 992-4652 or jeanelleodum@bellsouth.net.

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